

## U.S. TROOPS ROUT BAND OF VILLISTAS IN A SHARP FIGHT

Forty-Two Mexicans Killed and a Number Wounded; No American Losses.

## SURPRISE BANDITS' CAMP. CHARGING WITH PISTOLS

Maj. Howze, Commanding Squadron, Reports He Still Is Pursuing the Outlaws.

## BORDER CONFERENCE TODAY

Gen. Scott Hopes for Signing of Protocol, But Disquieting Rumors Come From the Mexican Side.

## FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NEAR NAMIKUIPA, by wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 6.

—A full squadron of 230 men of the 11th Cavalry surprised and routed a much larger force of Villa bandits at Ojo-Azules, seventeen miles south of Cusihuiriachic, early yesterday. Forty-two Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. There were no American casualties.

The American command, under Maj. Robert L. Howze, had been pursuing the bandits under Gens. Cruz Dominguez and Julio Acosta for several days when they encountered them encamped in the huddled adobe huts of Ojo-Azules.

Bandits Taken by Surprise. The Mexicans were completely surprised and sprang from their pallets half clothed. After firing a few wild shots, they began a flight, each man shifting for his own safety. Some of them were able to seize their horses, already jaded from a hard day's ride previously, but others made their way into the hills afoot.

Maj. Howze reported he was still pursuing the scattered remnants of the band, which is the largest remaining under the Villa standard. This decisive victory gave much satisfaction to military men here. It is believed the band is the same as that defeated at Temohic, April 22, by Col. George A. Dodd's command.

## Troopers Charged With Pistols.

EL PASO, Tex., May 6.—Gen. Pershing's official report of the defeat of a band of Villa's men at Ojo-Azules by Maj. Howze described the action as a cavalry charge with pistols, the first to occur since operations were begun. The Americans had ridden thirty miles before meeting the bandits.

The pursuit of the scattered Mexicans was continued for two hours. Other reports reported that six Carranza prisoners the bandits had been holding for execution were released.

## "Brilliant," Pershing Reports.

Gen. Pershing pronounced the feat a brilliant piece of work in his report to the War Department today. The text of Gen. Pershing's report was as follows: "A band of 140 Villistas that attacked Carranza garrison yesterday at Ojo-Azules remained there in camp last night. Leaders of band Cruz Dominguez, Julio Acosta and Antonio Angeles. This morning they were struck by Maj. Howze with six troops of the 11th Cavalry and completely surprised. Forty-two killed, including 300 prisoners. Number wounded unknown, but must be many.

## Scott and Funston Hopeful a Protocol Will Be Signed at Border Conference Today

EL PASO, Tex., May 6.—Gens. Scott and Funston plan today to hold another conference with Gen. Alvaro Obregon in the expectation that before it ends the suggestions of the United States government for co-operation against the Villa bandits in Mexico will take the form of a duly signed protocol. Prior to the meeting, however, came reports from Juarez that were not quite so optimistic. It was reported that the negotiations might extend into still another session of the conference. Gen. Carranza had expressed a wish for further discussion of the subject of withdrawal. While the American conferees will listen attentively to any suggestion submitted by Gen. Obregon, there is no chance that any change in the attitude of the United States will take place. It was said here, except on minor details. The fact that Gen. Carranza did not immediately indicate his tentative agreement entered into by Gen. Obregon, who was said to have come to the border with plenary powers, has been seized on as significant by "interventionists" here, who have been predicting a break between the first chief and his minister of war. They declare that the present situation is but a forerunner of a wider split to come between the two men.

## M'BRIDE IS EIGHTH REBEL TO BE SHOT

Major Who Fought in Boer War and Wedded Irish Joan D'Arc Executed.

## TWO OTHERS ESCAPE WITH PRISON TERMS

Railway and Street Car Traffic in Dublin Resumed to Partial Extent.

DUBLIN, May 6.—It is officially announced that Maj. John McBride, the eighth leader of the Sinn Fein rebellion to suffer death by sentence of court-martial, has been shot. Maj. John McBride fought throughout the Boer war with the Irish brigade under Gen. Piet. When the Boers finally surrendered he made his escape and took refuge in Paris, where he later married Miss Maud Gonne, known in home rule circles in Ireland as the Irish Joan D'Arc. In 1905 Maj. and Mrs. McBride delivered a series of lectures in the United States on Irish politics. On their return to Paris Mrs. McBride sued for divorce and was granted a legal separation. McBride maintained his interest in Irish political affairs and was always identified with the extreme or separatist faction of the national party.

The sentences of Thomas Hunter and William Cosgrove, who were sentenced to death with Maj. McBride, were commuted to life imprisonment.

Eight of Family Killed. Joseph Plunkett, an Irish rebel prisoner, who was one of those executed here, was

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## TOMORROW

"MR. RICHARD'S FIANCEE," a fascinating two-part story, by MEREDITH NICHOLSON.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S COLSAL CAMPAIGN TO AMERICANIZE OUR ALIENS," remarkable educational system for immigrants recently put into operation in 65 cities by the Bureau of Naturalization.

"THE CHILD WHO KILLS HIMSELF," by H. ADDINGTON BRUCE.

"WILL THE NEW VICEROY BE ABLE TO SOOTHE LAHORE, INDIA, THE 'CITY OF DISCONTENT'?" BY CHARLES M. PEPETER.

"WASHINGTON WOMAN CONVERTED A CITY LOT INTO A COUNTRY GARDEN."

"TESTING OUT THE SOFT SHELL," a Shorty McCabe story, by SEWELL FORD.

"AMERICA'S BAPTISMAL FONT IS BOMBARDED BY GERMAN," the story of the attack on St. Die, where the word "America" was first pronounced, by STERLING HEILIG.

"WITH ALL THEIR PAST BEFORE THEM"—a two-page spread of photographs of celebrities as children.

"A BUSY DAY WITH THE DISTRICT PROBATION OFFICER."

"INDIAN AND ESKIMO DOLLS ON EXHIBIT AT THE NEW NATIONAL MUSEUM."

"MR. T. ROOSEVELT—PLEASE WRITE," a page of pictures of large families.

"REMARKABLE STILL-LIFE MENAGERIE AT NATIONAL MUSEUM"—No better examples of taxidermy exist than those in Government's Big Museum.

"INSECTS ADOPTED AS FOOD IN MANY LANDS, BUT SCORPED BY AMERICANS."

"WAS METHUSELAH A MASON?"

"BRITISH SCULPTOR MAKES NEW FACES FOR SOLDIERS DISFIGURED IN THE WAR."

"HOW I SAVED FORTY PER CENT OF MY INCOME."

"TAFFETA, SATIN AND LACE ARE FASHION FEATURES," by ANNE RITTENHOUSE.

"KING BABY," by DR. EDWIN F. BOWERS.

"GOVERNMENT SUFFERS FROM WAR PRICES IN THE BUYING OF FEDERAL SUPPLIES."

"QUICK, DOCTOR, THE GORRAFF HAS A SIRE THROAT."

"GREAT STORES OF VALUABLE MINERALS TO BE OPENED BY ALASKAN RAILROAD," says FRANK G. CARPENTER.

"TODAY IS CELEBRATED AS UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY."

"THE RAMBLER" writes of "BLEAK HOUSE, THE OLD HOME OF FORMER GOV. SHEPHERD."

"THE MODERN POETS," "THE MOLE WASN'T ALWAYS BLIND," "THE PART THAT PATIENCE PLAYS" and "GO AWAY, IT AND GET IT," by HERBERT KAUFMAN.

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SUNDAY STAR

## UNCLE JOE CANNON HONORED IN HOUSE

Colleagues Give Party in Chamber in Celebration of His 80th Birthday.

## OPPOSITION IN OLD RULES BATTLE OCCUPIES CHAIR

Speaker Clark Pays Him High Tribute and Predecessor Reminisces in Address of Appreciation.

Uncle Joe Cannon, eighty years old tomorrow, and for nearly fifty of those years a big element in the nation's history, was given a birthday party in the House of Representatives today. It was a cheering, hand-clapping, laughing, boyish party, and for the first time in the history of the Congress of the United States the House set aside an hour of its working time to honor a living member.

Today's birthday party goes down into fame as a part of the records of the first session of the Sixty-fourth Congress. The words will be recorded in the archives of the nation—but it is only in the memories and hearts of those who witnessed the unusual outpouring of words of kindness and congratulation for a dear friend that the true touch of this morning's hour can be recorded.

Former Antagonist Presides. The passing of time that heals all wounds, real, fancied and political, brought to the speaker's chair to preside over the party today one of the original insurgents against that famous series of legislative procedures known to the country as the Cannon rules. Henry Allen Cooper of Wisconsin, one of the deans of the national Congress, and a tower of strength in the old rules fight against Cannon when Speaker, acted as Speaker during the major part of the birthday proceedings today.

There were many members present who remembered the bitter struggles of that other day, when the republican side of the House rocked and swayed in the struggle of the progressive against the standpatters. Representative Cooper's presence in the chair meant that the fight had passed over and was gone, and that at any rate it was a fight of measures—not men. Uncle Joe and Mr. Cooper are friends.

Speaker Pays Him Tribute. It was a characteristic speech that Speaker Clark made today. He termed Mr. Cannon one of the "top-notchers of mental pugilists." He also wrote into the record for posterity the statement that, once during debate, with his own eyes, he saw Mr. Cannon perform the unusual feat of describing a complete circle on one heel.

"Mr. Speaker Cannon owes it to himself and to his country to write a book of reminiscences," Speaker Clark said, "Job's vineyard declaration. 'Oh, mine adversary' had written a book, to the contrary notwithstanding. Evidently the Man of Uz did not have his hands in the hands of Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson when he gave voice to that far-reaching and majestic desire."

Still carrying himself as straight as an Indian and as ruddy-cheeked as a schoolgirl, Mr. Cannon marched down the center aisle of the House and delivered an address of appreciation filled with reminiscences of other days.

Cites Non-Partisanship. It brought back the shadows of Blaine, Randall, Ben Butler, George F. Hoar, "Sunset" Cox, "Pig Iron" Kelly and a score of other former contemporaries of Mr. Cannon to the halls where once they served. Mr. Cannon was quick to observe the non-partisan character of the occasion and his opening words were in appreciation of it.

"This is a sample of the partisanship of the House," he said, "and I am a fair man with the partisan. The lines have fallen into me in pleasant places, and I am looking at the House from both sides of the House. I am more inclined to accept the plain evidence of the general feeling of the House than fiction which divides this body into partisan groups on all questions, shuts out personal relations and cooperation, and representative regard for party, to work out in legislation the greatest good to the greatest number."

Recalls Changes in Policies. "I have seen some changes in partisan policies. When I came here believing in nationalism, I was impressed with the states rights doctrines of some of the men on that side, and I remember a speech by Randolph Tucker of Virginia in opposition to Randall's bill to loan \$1,500,000 to the Philadelphia centennial exposition. Mr. Tucker warned the House against stretching the welfare clause of the Constitution. He said it would be an advertisement in saying any clever man who had an idea about spending government money for the general welfare of the country, and it would not be long before we were crowded out of our stools by the lobbyists who wanted to get their hands into the Treasury. Mr. Tucker then turning to Randall, shouted a final warning that should that appropriation be made, Chicago and even Yorktown would some day come for aid to an expedition. Well, they both came, and many others, and the House has been president of the Jamestown exposition. That is only an example of some of the changes that have come about the use of government money to promote the general welfare. We've had quite a spell of it in the House of Representatives. He continued.

"So I have found the partisanship of this House throughout the forty years sometimes warm and vigorous, but largely mixed with patriotism and much common sense. I have never thought as a republican or a democrat except as we discussed different policies. These men had their hour on this stage, did their work in their time, and I hope, a profitable experience."

Gave Politics No Thought. "If I sometimes see the faces and hear the voices of others not now here to answer to the roll call I may not be charged with dreaming, for among these 3,000 men with whom I have been associated in legislative efforts and over partisan contests there were hosts of personal friends of whom I never thought as republicans or democrats except as we discussed different policies. These men had their hour on this stage, did their work in their time, and I hope, a profitable experience."

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THE BABY WEEK MONARCH.

## Have You Heard of the Ubiquitous Nematode?

If all matter in the world were swept away except the nematodes, one could still see the world dimly, according to the Department of Agriculture. You will find this intensely interesting story tomorrow in The Sunday Star.

## NAVY LEAGUE SUES FORD FOR \$100,000 DAMAGES

Auto Manufacturer and Peace Advocate Is Charged With Libel.

The Navy League of the United States, through former Assistant Secretary of War Henry Breckinridge and Attorney H. B. F. Macfarland, today filed suit in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to recover \$100,000 damages for alleged libel from Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer and peace advocate.

It is alleged that May 1 last, in a Washington newspaper, Mr. Ford caused to be published statements concerning the league which are claimed to have been "false, scandalous and defamatory."

The Navy League feels the court that for a long time it had been, and still is, engaged in the endeavor to promote the security of the United States from the threat of any foreign foe by advocating through the press and public meetings and in other proper ways measures intended to promote the efficiency of the navy of the United States and to provide for adequate and systematic increase of its material and personnel. In its endeavor, the plaintiff asserts, the country it had become widely known and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all good citizens.

Formal Accusation. While the plaintiff was so engaged in its patriotic work, it is alleged, Mr. Ford "wrongfully contriving and wickedly and maliciously intending thereby to injure the plaintiff in its good name and fame, and further wrongfully contriving and wickedly and maliciously intending thereby to bring the plaintiff into public scandal, infamy and disgrace among citizens of the United States in the District of Columbia, and elsewhere," composed, wrote and published the article complained of.

After setting forth the alleged scandalous and defamatory libel the plaintiff declares it has been brought into public scandal, infamy, contumely and disgrace and has been damaged to the extent of \$100,000.

CZAR CORDIALLY GREETED AMBASSADOR FRANCIS

PETROGRAD, May 6.—David R. Francis, the newly-arrived American ambassador, presented his credentials to Emperor Nicholas at Tsarskoe-Selo yesterday afternoon.

The ambassador was greatly impressed by the cordiality of the emperor, who discussed with him the news of the world for thirty-five minutes. Afterward Mr. Francis was received by the empress, with whom he conversed for fifteen minutes.

GERMANS BUY SHIP STOCKS.

Activity Causes Sensational Rise on the Copenhagen Bourse.

COPENHAGEN, May 6.—The activity of German buyers is given by newspapers here as the reason for the sensational rise in steamship stocks on the bourse. Stocks which rose from 35 to 130 per cent there on Thursday were advanced another 20 per cent on Friday. The day's business in steamship stocks amounted to \$5,000,000, a majority of which was taken by German buyers.

CONGRESS OF SOCIALISTS WILL DISCUSS PEACE

COPENHAGEN, May 6.—An international socialist congress which will be attended by delegates from socialist parties of neutral nations for the purpose of discussing the question of taking action to bring about peace, will be held at The Hague June 26, according to the Social Democrats. This date, says the newspaper, was arranged in order to meet the wishes of American delegates.

## AVENUE PROPERTY PURCHASE BEATEN

Works Amendment to Good Roads Bill Defeated in Senate on Viva Voce Vote.

## AUTHOR MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR ITS ADOPTION

Offers Another Amendment Providing \$600,000 for Purchase of Snow Court Slum District.

A strong plea for the adoption of his amendment to the good roads bill, providing for the purchase of the property along both sides of Pennsylvania avenue between the Capitol and the Treasury, was made in the Senate today by Senator Works of California. The amendment was defeated on a viva voce vote.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire and Senator Sutherland of Utah both joined with Senator Works in expressing approval of the plan to purchase this land for the government, both to make Pennsylvania avenue a splendid thoroughfare and also to obtain sites for new government buildings much needed by various departments and bureaus of the government.

Would Provide \$100,000,000. Senator Works' amendment proposed \$100,000,000 as the limit of cost for the purchase of this property. Senator Gallinger suggested that this was far too much, that during the service of the late Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who fathered a measure to purchase the property on the south side of the avenue, an estimate had been submitted to the Senate that it would cost \$18,283,000 to purchase the property on the south side, and that still later the District of Columbia had estimated that the property not now owned by the government could be bought for about \$1,000,000.

Both Senator Gallinger and Senator Sutherland suggested that Senator Works modify his amendment so that it provide for the purchase of the property on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, but on the north side of the street to the Treasury, and that it would cost a great deal of money to purchase these lands. Senator Works said he would be content to modify his amendment.

Senator Bankhead, in charge of the good roads bill, Senator Vardaman of Mississippi, Senator Shaffroth of Colorado and others opposed the adoption of the amendment, which, they said, had nothing to do with the good roads bill properly, and who contended that the government should not be burdened with its buildings on property already owned by it, instead of purchasing more land at this time.

Defends "Joke" Amendment. Senator Works declared Senator Bankhead had characterized the amendment as a "practical joke."

"It may be a joke to present to the Senate a plain, practical business proposition without the hope of getting a vote by it," Mr. Works said. "It may be a joke to endeavor to rehabilitate the great national thoroughfare in the nation's capital by the purchase of the property on the south side of the street to the Treasury, and that it would cost a great deal of money to purchase these lands. Senator Works said he would be content to modify his amendment."

White House officials at first refused to discuss the message and so did the apostolic delegate. Later, it was stated that it bore on the submarine issue between the United States and Germany.

Fearful of a Rupture. It was understood it reflected the apprehension of the Pope at the possibility of a rupture between the two countries.

The message was at once sent to the President and officials explained their refusal to discuss it by saying it was confidential.

Pope Benedict has been represented as being hopeful that the United States would be the agency to bring peace to Europe.

Word Brought by Cardinal. Several months ago Cardinal Gibbons brought word on the general subject to the President from the Pope. Details were not divulged and conflicting explanations were made in Rome and in this country.

It was understood that Pope Benedict, hoping for peace in Europe, viewed the possibility of extension of the war to the United States with dismay and decided to send a personal communication to the President.

DEFENDS BRITISH CABINET AGAINST RECENT ATTACKS

LONDON, May 6.—Addressing a meeting of the Primrose League, an organization of British unionists, in London, Earl Curzon, lord privy seal, made a very strong defense of the cabinet against recent attacks. He denied absolutely that the ministers overruled the military advisers or that the cabinet as a whole interfered in any way with the decisions of its war committee, which had a perfectly free hand.

Earl Curzon said he considered the only way to get a just view of the government's achievements was to seek opinion in neutral countries, especially in the United States.

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SENATOR WORKS PICTURED THE SLUMS WHICH ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL, DECLARING THEM TO BE A DISGRACE, AND URGING CONGRESS TO TAKE STEPS TO DO AWAY WITH THEM. HE SAID THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS YEARLY IN THE STATES FOR AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT, AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND OTHER THINGS, ALL OF WHICH, HE CONSIDERED, SHOULD BE CARED FOR BY THE STATES THEMSELVES.

Yet I see with regret that very few senators appear to be interested in this humanitarian effort to clean up the slums in this city," said Senator Works. "Such a place as Snow court ought not to be allowed to exist in any civilized community."

Senator Lane of Oregon suggested that the slums of the capital were centers of disease and infection, and that it would be an economy for the government to eradicate them.

## GERMANY ON TRIAL, IS OFFICIAL VIEW

Official Text of Note Does Not Change Attitude Against Immediate Break.

## MAY MAKE SHORT REPLY ACCEPTING NEW PLEDGE

Berlin Would Be Told Future Relations Depended on Submarine Commanders.

The official text of Germany's note, fully decoded and laid before President Wilson today, shows no material differences from the unofficial text published yesterday in news dispatches. This strengthens the probability that a diplomatic break has been averted, at least for the present.